

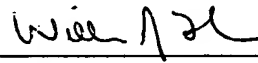
REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Communication dated October 24, 2003. Applicants have corrected the informality indicated in the Office Communication by re-submitting the entire "Amendments to the claims" section including reference to all of the claims.

Upon entry of the foregoing Response and Amendment dated October 24, 2003, Claims 1-8, 10-11 and 13-23 are pending in the patent application. Applicants respectfully request further examination of the patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

It is believed no fee is due for the filing of this paper. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1481.

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